

*(As of February 20, 2001)*

**Section 3-120. Investigation --**

1. The council, or any authorized committee thereof, shall have the power to conduct investigations of:

- (a) The operation of any agency or function of the city.
- (b) Any subject upon which the council may legislate.

2. In investigations conducted by the council or by any committee of the council, the presiding officer shall have the right to administer oaths and, in the name of the council, to subpoena witnesses and compel the production of books and papers pertinent thereto. If any person subpoenaed as a witness or to produce any books or papers called for by the process of the council shall fail or refuse to respond thereto, or refuse to answer questions propounded by any member of the investigating body or its counsel material to the matter pending before such body, the proper court, upon request of the council, shall have power to compel obedience to any process of the council and require such witness to answer questions put to said witness as aforesaid and to punish, as a contempt of the court, any refusal to comply therewith without good cause shown therefor.

False swearing by any witness shall constitute perjury and be punished as such, and, whenever the council is satisfied that a witness has sworn falsely in any hearing or investigation, it shall report the same to the prosecuting attorney for prosecution.

3. In any investigation which concerns the alleged gross misconduct or alleged criminal action on the part of any individual, such individual shall have the right to be represented by counsel, the right of reasonable cross-examination of witnesses and the right to process of the council to compel the attendance of witnesses on the person's own behalf.

*(Reso. 83-357 and 84-197)*